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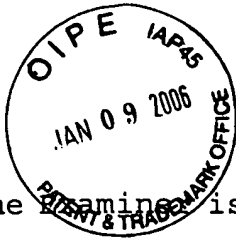
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European Patent No. EP 0 0 989 173 A1 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 6,211,261 B1. The patents and publications listed on Form PTO-1449 were cited in the specification and an International Search Report. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.



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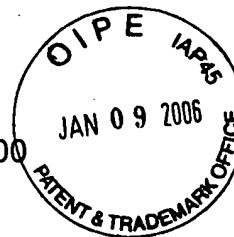
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